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I Have diſpatched my young Women, and the Town has them among them; it is neceſſary for the Elucidation of my future Diſcourſes, which I deſire may be denominated, as they are the Precepts of a Guardian, *Mr.* Ironſide's *Precautions*: I ſay it is, after what has been already declared, in the next place neceſſary to give an Account of the Males of this worthy Family, whoſe Annals I am writing. The Affairs of Women being chiefly Domeſtick, and not made up of ſo many Circumſtances, as the Duties of Men are, I fear I cannot diſpatch the Account of the Males under my Care in ſo few Words as I did the Explanation which regarded my Women.

Sir *Harry Lizard*, of the County of *Northampton*, Son and Heir of the late Sir *Marmaduke*, is now entered upon the twenty ſixth Year of his Age, and is now at his Seat in the Country.

The Eſtate at preſent in his Hands is above three Thouſand a Year after Payment of Taxes, and all neceſſary Charges whatſoever. He is a Man of good Underſtanding, but not at all what is uſually called a Man of ſhining Parts. His Virtues are much greater than his Accompliſhments, as to his Converſation. But when you come to conſider his Conduct with relation to his Manners and Fortune, it would be a very great Injury not to allow him a very fine Gentleman. It has been carefully provided in his Education, that he ſhould be very ready at Calculations. This gives him a quick alarm inwardly upon all Undertakings, and in a much ſhorter time than is uſual with Men, who are not verſed in Buſineſs, he is Maſter of the Queſtion before him, and can inſtantly inform himſelf with great exactneſs in the matter of Profit or Loſs that ſhall ariſe from any thing propoſed to him. The ſame Capacity, joined to an honeſt Nature, makes him very juſt to other Men, as well as to himſelf. His Payments are very punctual, and I dare anſwer, he never did, or ever will, undertake any piece of Building, or any Ornamental Improvement of his Houſe, Garden, Park or Lands, before the Mony is in his own Pocket, wherewith he is to pay for ſuch Undertaking. He is too good to purchaſe Labourers or Artificers (as by this means he certainly could) at an under rate; but he has by this means what I think he deſerves from his ſuperior Prudence, the choice of all who are moſt knowing and able to ſerve him. With his ready Mony the Builder, Maſon and Carpenter are enabled to make their Market of Gentlemen in his Neighbourhood, who inconſiderately employ them; and often pay their Undertakers by Sale of ſome of their Land: Whereas, were the Lands on which thoſe Improvements are made, ſold to the Artificers, the Buildings would be rated but as Lumber in the Purchaſe. Sir *Harry* has for ever a Year's Income, to extend his Charity, ſerve his Pleaſures, or regale his Friends. His Servants, his Cattle, his Goods ſpeak their Maſter a rich Man. Thoſe about his Perſon, as his Bailiff, the Groom of his Chamber, and his Butler, have a chearful, not a gay Air; the Servants below them ſeem to live in Plenty, but not in Wantonneſs. As Sir *Henry* is a young Man, and of an Active Diſpoſition, his beſt Figure is on Horſeback. But before I ſpeak of that I ſhould acquaint you, that during his Infancy all the young Gentlemen of the Neighbourhood were welcome to a part of the Houſe, which was called the School; where at the Charge of the Family, there was a Grammar Maſter, a plain ſober Man, maintained (with a Sallary, beſides his Diet, of Fifty Pounds a Year,) to inſtruct all ſuch Children of Gentlemen, or lower People, as would partake of his Education. As they grew up, they were allowed to ride out with him upon his Horſes. There were always ten or twelve for the Saddle, in a readineſs to attend him and his Favourites, in the Choice of whom he ſhowed a good Diſpoſition, and diſtributed his Kindneſs among them, by Turns, with great Good-Nature. All Horſes, both for the Saddle, and ſwift Draught, were very well bitted, and a skilful Rider, with a Riding-Houſe, wherein he the Riding-Maſter commanded, had it in Orders to teach any Gentleman's Son of the County that would pleaſe to learn that Exerciſe. We found our Account in this Proceeding, as well in real Profit, as in Eſteem and Power in the Country; for as the whole Shire is now poſſeſſed by Gentlemen, who owe Sir *Harry* a part of Education, which they all value themſelves upon, their Horſemanſhip; they prefer his Horſes to all

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